

Presbyterian Assembly May Further Church Unification

CHICAGO, May 6 (UP) — Progress toward church unification is expected to be reported when the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States meets in Chicago, May 25 to 31.

War conditions are expected to reduce to about 40 the number of elected commissioners delegated to the assembly. Normally the assembly is composed of more than 900 persons, half of them ministers and half ruling elders, and comprises both men and women.

Business sessions of the assembly will open Thursday, May 25, in the Fourth Presbyterian church, but the general council of the church will meet on Wednesday, May 24, for a business conference. A "pre-assembly" evangelistic conference and an evening mass meeting also are scheduled for May 24.

Will Elect Moderator
The first business to come before the assembly will be election of a moderator, to serve as presiding officer, who will hold office for a year. The Rev. Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, president of the Union Theological Seminary, New York, is the retiring moderator.

Under the direction of the Rev. Dr. William Barrow Pugh, who with the title of Stated Clerk is executive head of the church, the assembly will receive reports on all activities.

These reports will describe the work of the 9,400 ordained ministers who serve the spiritual needs of the 2,050,000 communicants of the Presbyterian church in the United States, and will cover the activities of the "four boards" and the special wartime agencies of the church.

The wartime work of the church is carried on by the Presbyterian War Service Commission, the Presbyterian committee on Camp and Church activities, and the Presbyterian commission on army and navy chaplains.

1,200 Foreign Missionaries
The four permanent boards are the board of foreign missions, board of national missions, board of Christian education and board of pensions.

Responsibility for extending the Gospel to 100,000,000 persons in other countries and continents is carried by the board of foreign missions, which in peace time has 1,200 Presbyterian missionaries, cooperating with 8,000 native workers, in foreign lands.

In North America, the board of national missions employs 3,100 workers, using 60 languages, and spends \$3,000,000 yearly in healing, education and evangelizing, to reach persons of all nationalities, races and occupations among the 60 per cent of the population not affiliated with a church. New duties and opportunities have been given the board of national missions in the crowded war industry areas.

The board of Christian education spends nearly \$800,000 annually for Christian training among 8,600 churches, 53 colleges, 10 theological seminaries and 64 state universities, in the 271 presbyteries and 40 synods.

Publishes Weeklies
This board publishes illustrated weeklies and Sunday school lessons, develops new ministers, missionaries and religious education directors, finances Bible professorships and maintains 84 pastors among 35,000 Presbyterian students in non-church universities, among its other educational activities.

Last summer 10,000 persons participated in its 114 conferences and the board conducted 2,970 vacation schools.

Reports will show that the board of pensions paid out \$2,261,000 in pensions last year to 6,000 Presbyterians, mostly ministers.

The Presbyterian pension fund, which now stands at \$44,300,000, was established about 20 years ago with an endowment of \$15,000,000 raised in a campaign directed by Will Hays of the motion picture industry, a Presbyterian layman.

Church endowments and properties, including 63 colleges and theological seminaries, represent a capital investment of \$200,000,000, and expenditures are more than \$50,000,000 a year. In

Marine Paper Has Fighting Writer Staff

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SAN DIEGO, May 6 (UP) — Killing Japanese may seem like odd newspaper training, but it figures in the background of many staff members of the Marine Corps Chevron.

"There are eight of us here," Pfc. Richard C. Looman, USMC, said, taking in the Chevron office with a sweep of his hand. "That is, there are eight of us when nobody's out with malaria, which, incidentally, isn't the name of a girl."

Pfc. Looman, the Chevron's editor, certainly should know what malaria is. A California newspaperman before he enlisted in the Marines shortly after Pearl Harbor, Looman took part in the initial landing in the Solomons in 1942. He contracted malaria in that campaign, and still has to forsake the editor's desk on occasion for his bed and quinine to fight recurring attacks.

Circulation of 100,000
Artist of the paper is Cpl. William Sheridan, USMC, San Francisco, who recently joined the staff from the Corona Naval Hospital. He, too, contracted malaria in the Solomons.

The rest of the staff consists of five enlisted men with varying degrees of journalistic experience, and one girl, Pfc. Eleanor Garner, USMCWR, formerly with the Los Angeles City News Service and the Hollywood Citizen-News. They handle everything except the mechanical production of the paper, publishing 16 to 24 pages weekly.

Born in the confusion that existed in the first month after Pearl Harbor, the Chevron today has a circulation nearing 100,000. Now a crew of recruits works late each Friday night wrapping and mailing bundles with "Fleet Post-office" addresses.

Maj. Robert P. White, USMC, in charge of the paper in those hectic days, chuckled recalling its initial assets.

Fighting Reporters
"The first tabloid issue of four pages was ground out of a typewriter borrowed from the public relations officer whenever his back was turned, and a camera which the 'photographer' didn't know how to use because his only experience had been with a Brownie," Maj. White said.

"We had one reporter—a private whose experience consisted of having sung tenor in a St. Louis choir, and a circulation manager who had been a concert violinist in civilian life."

Despite these humble beginnings and a staff turnover great enough to turn the average editor's hair gray, the Chevron has grown with the Corps.

Many of the Marine Corps combat correspondents are ex-Chevron writers, and they have filled its columns with vivid accounts of the Leatherneck march through the supposedly impenetrable jungles of New Georgia, and the murderous fire of Tarawa.

Chevron writers were not recruited for their newspaper talents. They have gone through tough boot camp training, and serve the paper on their way to a fighting front or while they're waiting to get back to one. And so, when one newsman picks up his rifle and goes out to fight, another steps in for awhile to carry on for the Marines in the foxholes the tradition of journalism.

SAFETY IN SILENCE

A motorist traveling at even 30 miles per hour traverses 44 feet in a single second, according to data from the Automobile Club of Southern California. If the mind lags while the tongue wags or the driver's head is turned for even a second, safe driving goes by the board. Driving is a full-time job!

Visitors Housing Major Project of Early Helldorado

Chamber of Commerce Had Tough Task in Finding Rooms

During the boom tourist days in Las Vegas prior to the war, housing for visitors during the Helldorado fete was a major project of the Las Vegas chamber of commerce each spring.

Appeals were issued to all residents of the community to list their spare bedrooms so that visitors might have a place to sleep during the few days of celebration. On these dates the hotels and auto courts ordinarily were booked weeks in advance, and it was impossible for visitors arriving late to find a place to stay.

Lobbies Jammed

It was not uncommon to see the hotel lobbies jammed with weary visitors, sprawled out on chairs and divans getting a few hours of rest before the celebration events of the following day. At that time bars and gambling clubs remained open on a 24-hour basis, and many visitors stayed on their feet all night, lounging around in the bars and gambling halls when they became too exhausted to enjoy themselves any longer.

Hundreds of cars would be parked along the highways with occupants asleep. They had taken a last resort when they were unable to find rooms.

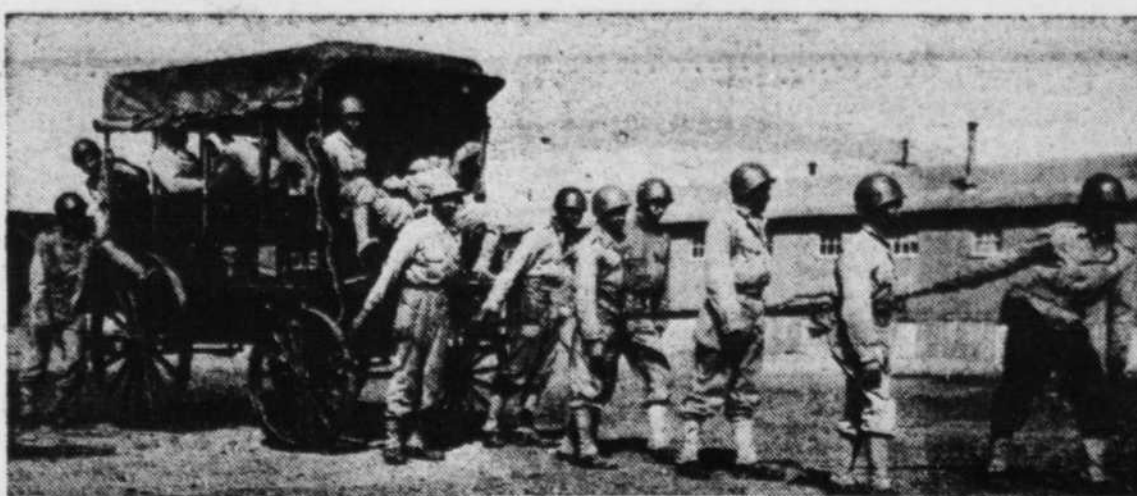
In those days the chamber of commerce stayed open until early morning, until the last listed room in the town was filled. Those who came later were out of luck.

Airfield Needs Old Furniture

Old furniture in good usable condition, of which there is believed to be quite a lot about town, is needed at the Las Vegas army air field and the Red Cross camp and hospital committee.

Mrs. Robert Bartlett states that such contributions should be taken to the former Bartlett Brothers Hardware store, building next to Bank of Nevada on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 to 4, when a committee member will be there to receive them.

Unfurnished rooms are turned over to squadrons by the army for day use in leisure hours by service men on the post, and the need for furniture to make them comfortable and enjoyable is reported acute.



OLD-TIME AMBULANCE—The vehicle being powered by a group of negro soldiers from a quartermaster battalion at Camp Phillips, Kansas, shown in the above picture is the Spanish-American war horse-drawn ambulance recently acquired by the Las Vegas Evening Review-Journal and Sunday Morning Age for use in future Helldorado parades. The ambulance, which has never been used, was purchased at bid at a salvage sale held at Camp Phillips. It is probable that the vehicle will be used during future Red Cross campaigns.

Horse Drawn Ambulance For Helldorado

Older than the city of Las Vegas and yet still brand new is the Spanish-American war horse-drawn ambulance recently acquired by the Las Vegas Evening Review-Journal and the Sunday Morning Age for use in the present Red Cross campaign and in future Helldorado celebrations.

Feeling that the ambulance would be a definite addition to the Las Vegas collection of horse-drawn vehicles, especially at Helldorado pioneer day time, a representative of the Review-Journal acquired the vehicle from the quartermaster department at Camp Phillips, Kansas, two months ago.

The ambulance, which never saw action as such, lived a comparatively obscure life in the storage depot at Fort Jay, New York, before the present war started. It had originally been built for use in the Spanish-American war, but the cessation of hostilities saw it relegated to a dark corner of the storage warehouse.

At the outbreak of the present war and with the construction of the huge training camp at Camp Phillips, Kansas, early in 1942, the wagon was shipped to Camp Phillips for possible use by troops training there. No use was made of the vehicle and, still brand new, it was finally placed on bid at a salvage sale early in February at Camp Phillips, where it was acquired by a former Las Vegas fan for delivery to this city.

An additional bit of history claimed by the vehicle was the fact that German prisoners of war confined at Camp Phillips were used in dismantling the vehicle for shipment to Las Vegas.

The vehicle will appear in the tenth annual old-timers parade during the Helldorado on May 18. Representatives of the Clark

Mexico City Signs Vie With Rainbow For Bright Color

MEXICO CITY, D. F., May 6 (UP) — Once in a while a Mexico City signboard is subtle in conveying its message. More often, it is 40 feet high and painted in brilliant primary colors.

The signboard companies and artists even take advantage of the space offered by scaffolding around new buildings. Despite notices saying, "Do Not Post Bills," signs will appear overnight advertising anything from bullfights to communist meetings.

Avenida Juarez, bordering Alameda Park, is one of the busiest thoroughfares of Mexico City. The south side of the avenue is bulwarked by a half-mile parade of some of the gaudiest advertising displays in the world.

At night, free motion pictures are projected in one of the advertising squares propped 50 feet in the air, and a crowd of several hundred will block pedestrian traffic to watch bullfight scenes.

The natives generally are no more than casually interested in theater displays and bear "ads" 100 feet above the sidewalk, but tourists and persons making their first visit to the capital stand wide-eyed at the rows of winking lights.

A few of the painted displays are fine exhibitions of brush art. The colors invariably cause near-sighted people to squint slightly, but the proportions of articles and persons depicted are perfect. The Mexican talent for display advertising is carried over into newspaper advertising, particularly on the theater page where the drama section of the larger papers consists of five pages of solid advertising. With smaller circulation than U. S. papers and publishing only one edition a day, Mexican papers have not felt the paper shortage.

county chapter of the American Red Cross will ride in the vanguard, at the invitation of the ambulance owners.

So You Hold That Ration Book Secure

Extra ration books have dwindled to such critical extent in Nevada that if your No. 4 or No. 3 is lost or stolen it will not be replaced for 60 days, OPA warns in urging careful preservation.

Notice has come from Washington that no more No. 4 books will be printed, and the 155,900 allotted to this state in October must cover all needs, such as replacements, issues to new-born babies, and men and women discharged from the armed services. Two months would be a long time to go without a No. 4 book, but 149,276 of the 155,900 have gone out, including 1553 in April, leaving but 2664. Only community that has entirely exhausted its supply is Austin, but other areas are running low.

Ration Book No. 3 is also nearly exhausted in the state, with only 5473 available for issuance.

Elks Observe Mother's Day

Mother's Day will be observed by the Elks Club next Sunday in accordance with the fraternity's annual custom. The program, open to the public, is a tribute to the mothers of the community and will be given in the afternoon. Committee Chairman Lamar Foremaster has announced.

The address will be delivered by Leslie W. Edwards, office manager of the Las Vegas Hospital, following ritualistic services conducted by Ralph Purdy, exalted ruler; John F. Cahlan, leading knight; Don McNay, loyal knight; Vic Shurtleff, lecturing knight; and Oscar Bryan, esquire.

BIKES OR SAFETY
Cyclists in Kansas City can have their bicycles painted white free of charge by their police department headquarters. The Automobile Club of Southern California was informed that this is part of Kansas City's current drive to cut down night accidents involving bicycles.

HELLDORADO DAYS AHEAD!!

Congratulations---Elks

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